

COAL CONFERENCE CLASH OF FIGURES

Bombard Each Other With Statistics.

SOME HOPE FOR COMPROMISE

Anthracite Operators May Yield Increase of Wages at Today's Joint Meeting With Miners.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The anthracite operators, headed by George F. Baer, president of the Reading Company, met here today to consider the miners' demands, or what John Mitchell terms "proposals," and to name a day for the joint conference with the miners' representatives. The "proposals" have been under consideration by the operators for more than a week, but no official statement regarding them has been made.

President Wilcox of the Delaware and Hudson Company said this morning that he had no statement to make as to the attitude of the operators toward the miners' demands. Intimations were made by John B. Kerr, vice president of the New York, Ontario and Western railroad and a member of the operators' committee, that there would be no statement made after the meeting concluded today. It is likely that the operators will appoint a day this week for a joint conference with the miners, for Mr. Kerr states that the operators are anxious to complete the business as soon as possible.

Battle of Figures.

The joint conferences will probably last some time, as the operators have fortified themselves with statistics bearing on the eight-hour day and an advance in wages. As the miners have collected no end of data and statistical ammunition in support of their contentions, there will be a fine battle of figures, which may last some time.

C. J. Willenberg, of the Chesapeake and Ohio coal and coke company, is the authority for the statement that Mr. Baer and the operators will flatly refuse to grant the demand for absolute recognition of the union. The operators will also oppose the granting of a further increase in wages and a reduction in hours.

It is the contention of the operators that the miners work less than six hours a day and that only the company hands and breaker boys work the regular nine-hour day.

Mitchell Is Silent.

President John Mitchell, of the miners' union, who is at the Ashland House awaiting the call from the operators for a joint conference, said the situation at this time precluded any statement from him.

Informal talks with members of the miners' committee of seven indicate that nearly every one of the operators is more inclined to grant an advance of wages than to recognize the miners' union, and it begins to look as if some compromise along those lines could be reached.

CONGRESSMAN MICHALEK ENTITLED TO HIS SEAT

House Election Committee Say Charges Were Recklessly and Untruthfully Made.

Representative Mann of Illinois, chairman of the Elections Committee No. 1, in submitting to the House today the resolution unanimously adopted by his committee, declaring Anthony Michalek, Republican, of Chicago, to be entitled to his seat in the House, which was contested on the alleged ground that he is not a citizen of the United States, submitted also a lengthy report dealing with the various features of the case. It finds that Michalek is a citizen, as required by the Constitution. That his father, a native of Bohemia, was properly naturalized, that there never was any proper justification for the protest and charges against Michalek.

"The charges," says the report, "were recklessly made and untruthfully made. They were based on false affidavits." There was not even a prima facie case made out, the report says, and the committee did not put Michalek on his defense.

The House adopted the resolution without debate or division.

C. A. C. DUCKPIN LEAGUE FORMED

The Columbia Athletic Club Duckpin League will inaugurate its bowling season tonight with a series of three games at the Rathskeller alleys.

There are four teams in the league, namely: Teams A, B, C, and D. Teams A and B will compete tonight. W. H. Bowman is captain of team A, and Joseph Loughran of team B.

Local merchants and business men have already donated a number of prizes which will be awarded to the winners of each series. A buffet supper will be served after the contests.

BURGLARS BLOW OPEN POSTOFFICE SAFE

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 6.—The new postoffice at Luzerne was robbed at 2 o'clock this morning. The large safe was blown open and the interior of the building wrecked.

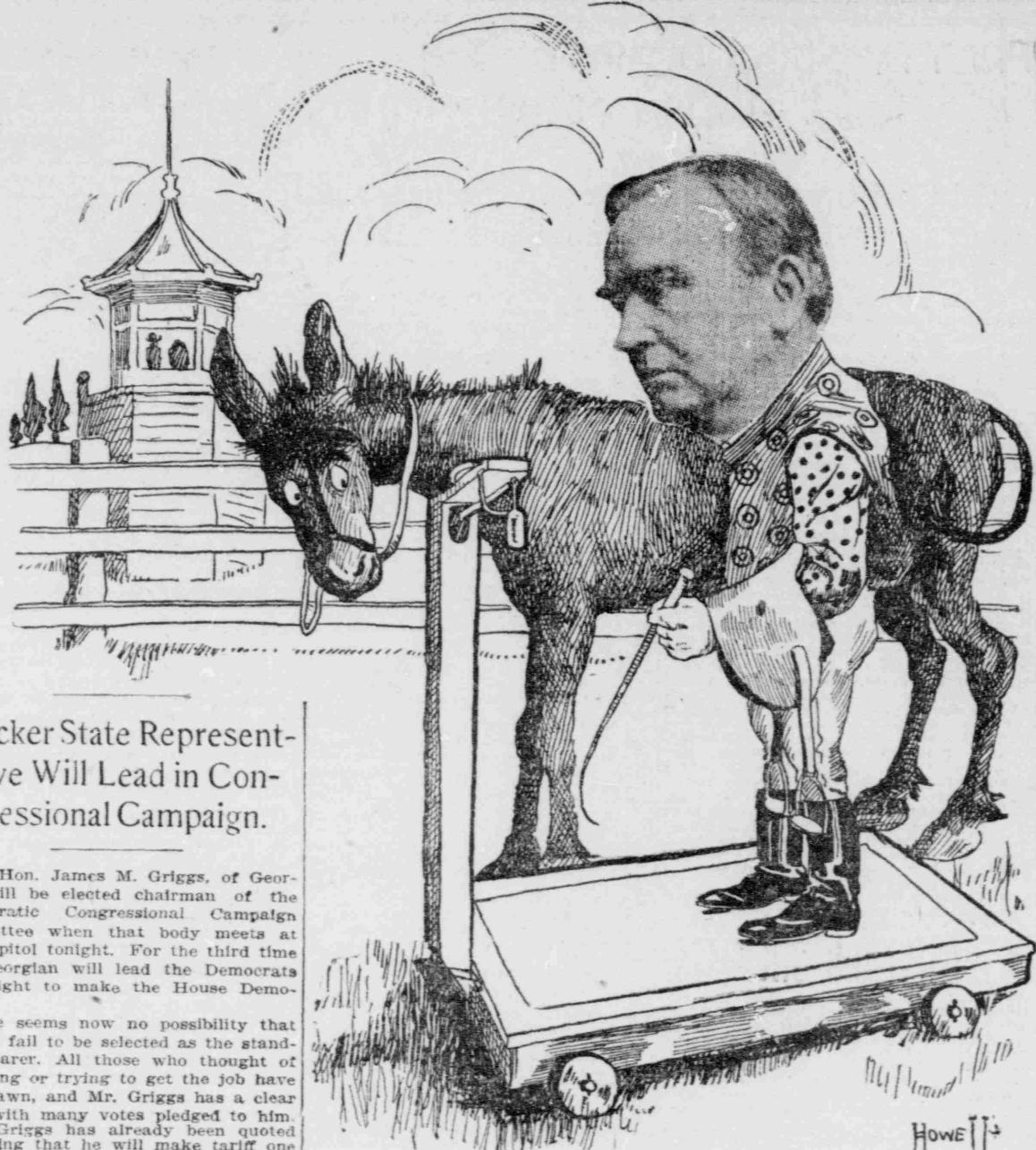
Four hundred dollars in cash and \$100 worth of stamps were taken by the burglars, who escaped after the robbery. The Luzerne postoffice is a substation of the Wilkesbarre postoffice and was opened last week for business.

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Congressman Griggs of Georgia To Be the Democratic Moses



Cracker State Representative Will Lead in Congressional Campaign.

The Hon. James M. Griggs, of Georgia, will be elected chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee when that body meets at the Capitol tonight. For the third time the Georgian will lead the Democrats in a fight to make the House Democratic.

There seems now no possibility that he will fail to be selected as the standard bearer. All those who thought of accepting or trying to get the job have withdrawn, and Mr. Griggs has a clear field, with many votes pledged to him.

Mr. Griggs has already been quoted as saying that he will make tariff one of the main issues in the coming Congressional fight. He has hopes of carrying the country, and even the Republicans admit that he will reduce the present Republican majority in the lower body of Congress.

The State delegations have selected their representatives for the committee who will vote on the chairmanship tonight. They are as follows:

Representatives—Alabama: Burnett; Arkansas: Little; Florida: Clark; Georgia: Griggs; Illinois: Rainey; Indiana:

DEMOCRATIC JOCKEY WEIGHING IN FOR CONGRESSIONAL STAKES.

Zenor: Kentucky, Hopkins; Louisiana, Broussard; Maryland, Gill; Massachusetts, Kellner; Mississippi, Bowers; Missouri, Lloyd; Nevada, Van Duzer; New Jersey, McDermott; New York, Ryan; North Carolina, W. Kitchin; Ohio, Garber; Pennsylvania, Kline; Rhode Island, Granger; South Carolina, Finley;

Tennessee, Gaines; Texas, Smith; Virginia, Southall; West Virginia, Davis; Wisconsin, Weiss; Senators—Arkansas, Berry; Idaho, Dubois; Tennessee, Carmack; Montana, Clark; Texas, Culbertson; Virginia, Martin; Florida, Talaferrro; Missouri, Stone; Nevada, Newlands.

Delegate—Smith, Arizona.

RIDEOUT'S FAREWELL BANQUET YESTERDAY

Speeches and Praises for Physical Director of Y. M. C. A. on Eve of Going Abroad.

The third annual gymnasium men's banquet in the banquet room of the new Y. M. C. A. building, yesterday afternoon, took the form of a farewell dinner to Mel B. Rideout, who for the past seven years has been physical director at the Washington Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Rideout sails on March 10 for France as a member of the international committee of the North American Y. M. C. A. S. and his departure is greatly regretted in Washington, not only by the members of that organization, but by many others, as he has unselfishly devoted himself to the entire cause of physical development of the young men and boys of the District. He has been a prominent member of the playgrounds committees, and has rendered valuable service in giving advice and direction in the installation of gymnasiums and athletics in churches and other institutions.

Lieut. J. W. Crawford, chairman of the physical department committee, was toastmaster last night, and addresses were delivered by Charles F. Nesbit, A. M. Lothrop, Captain Jenks, C. E. Beckett, and Dr. Harry Green. Mr. Rideout responded, and the speaker making closed with remarks and a benediction by the Rev. S. H. Green, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

C. E. Beckett, who was assistant under Mr. Rideout, will remain in charge of the physical department until a new director is appointed in September.

GERMAN TRADE EXCEEDS OURS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Rapid Increase of Lead Tempts Berlin Press to Declare Monroe Doctrine Absurdity.

BERLIN, March 6.—An official report on the condition of German trade with South America shows that in the last decade this trade has increased by \$60,000,000, compared with an increase of \$45,000,000 for England and \$50,000,000 for the United States. French trade with South American countries has decreased \$20,000,000.

The German newspapers, in a paean of triumph, declare that the figures prove that Germany has a firmer grip on South America than its rival, the United States.

The magnitude of German interests in South America, compared with American interests, reduces the Monroe doctrine to an absurdity, America cannot claim a monopoly when the aggregate German trade is \$70,000,000 annually while America's aggregate is \$130,000,000.

FINDS FIRST GRAY HAIR, YOUNG MATRON SUICIDES

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., March 6.—Mrs. William Thomas, a pretty young matron of this place, committed suicide this morning because she found a gray hair in her head. She swallowed a quantity of caustic potash at the home of her sister, Mrs. James Young.

When a doctor arrived she fought him off and would not allow him to do anything to save her life. She was twenty-eight years old.

REDUCTION OF EXCISE BOARD BILL PROBLEM

Proposal to Reduce Membership Is Meeting With Opposition.

The District Commissioners will give a hearing in a few days on the proposed reduction of the membership of the Excise Board.

Since the introduction of the bill by Senator Hansbrough, on February 12, a somewhat spirited fight on the board has resulted. Assessor Darnelle, chairman of the board, has taken up the cudgel in defense of the board's handling of the license problem.

It is probable that the Anti-Saloon League will present reasons why the present excise law should be amended and the personnel of the board changed. The announcement of the date of the hearing will be made later.

TALK OF GERMANS HAS WARLIKE RING

Inspired Press Now Hints at Possible Conflict.

MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER

Berlin Post, However, Says Kaiser and Fallieres Will Meet and Patch Up Peace.

BERLIN, March 6.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, an influential newspaper, at times having official inspiration, states today that in government circles the international situation is regarded as critical, and that Europe today is as near war as last summer, when Germany was on the verge of a conflict with France and England.

The Morgen Post says today that it learns from a diplomatic source that Emperor William not only intends to conclude a compromise regarding Morocco fully satisfactory to France, but also desires to arrange a meeting between the Kaiser and President Fallieres, of France, at Marseilles during the Emperor's forthcoming cruise in the Mediterranean. The Kaiser's visit to Marseilles will be a sensational set-off to his visit last year to Tangier, Morocco.

The Emperor's presence on French soil as the guest of the President of the French, is expected, says the Post, to transform the Germanophobia into Germanophilia.

Statement by Sternburg Says Kaiser Won't Yield

Germany's attitude toward Morocco is set forth in a statement issued yesterday afternoon from the German embassy by Ambassador Sternburg.

That Germany has made up its mind that it is war or the open door in Morocco is clearly evinced by what the ambassador says as to the impossibility of Germany's receding. He says: "Should Germany now recede further, she would appear in the eyes of the world as weak; but, what is of paramount importance, she would be buying peace at the cost of a great international principle which the future would prove to be poor economy."

Again: "That power can accept the contention that a nation must sacrifice her interests outright simply because they lie in the way of another nation?"

The adoption of the French plan regarding this question would in Germany's opinion turn the bank into a French institution. In brief, the acceptance of the French proposals with regard to the Bank of Morocco and the police system, it is Germany's firm belief, would give to France the control of Morocco in all economic, financial, and military matters, thereby closing the door to the rest of the world and destroying rights acquired by treaty."

France Ready to Mobilize At Notice of Few Moments

PARIS, March 6.—While it is insisted in high quarters that there is little reason to fear war with Germany, the French military and naval establishments are in better shape for a campaign than they have been for a generation. Every detail has been worked out with care and the French army could be mobilized within an incredibly short time. The same is true of the navy.

FRACTURING GIRL'S SKULL CHARGE AGAINST PRISONER

John Jackson, colored, was sent to jail today on a charge of fracturing the skull of Henrietta Mason, a fifteen-year-old colored girl, with a glass pitcher. The girl is in a serious condition at the Emergency Hospital.

Jackson will be given a hearing as soon as the probable effects of her injuries are determined.

The trouble occurred at the girl's home, 215 Desmond court southwest.

METHODISTS PLAN BIGGER CONFERENCE

Baltimore Gathering Will Annex Alexandria.

MEETING COMES THIS MONTH

Two New Presiding Elders Are Also to Be Chosen at Sessions in Monumental City.

BALTIMORE, March 6.—The coming session of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, which is to be held in Madison Avenue Church, will select, March 23, two new presiding elders and will complete an enlargement of the district confines of the conference.

The terms of Rev. Dr. C. Herbert Richardson, presiding elder of the Baltimore district, and Rev. Dr. H. S. France, of the East Baltimore district, will expire this month, and, while they cannot be re-elected to the same district, they can, however, be selected to serve in another, and this will, in all probability, be done.

Bishop Foster is to preside over the conference. The conference district is to be enlarged in two particulars. No less than twelve churches in the Alexandria district of the Virginia conference will be taken over, as well as several churches in the West Virginia conference.

CZAR'S ENVOY TO JAPAN STOPS IN WASHINGTON

Georges Bakmeteff, the first Russian ambassador to Japan, and the first diplomatic representative to that country since the Russo-Japanese war, and Mme. Bakmeteff are in Washington, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean. Mme. Bakmeteff was Miss Mary Beale, daughter of the late Gen. Edward F. Beale, at one time United States minister to Austria, and is a sister of Mrs. McLean.

The Ambassador and Mme. Bakmeteff will remain in Washington for ten days. Then they will continue their journey westward to San Francisco, whence they will sail in the Koryu, March 22 for Yokohama. Mme. Bakmeteff, like her sister, Mrs. McLean, is a fond of dogs. She brought with her a prize Yorkshire terrier and a French bulldog, and has sent direct to Tokio three valuable Russian poodles.

CONFERS DECORATION OF CHIVALRY UPON WOMEN

Miss Lucy J. Harlow, of Staunton, Va., was accorded a special distinction last night when the I. O. O. F. conferred upon her the "decoration of chivalry." The ceremony took place in Odd Fellows' Hall, 423 Seventh street northwest, and was followed by a dance.

The honor paid Miss Harlow was the result of her services during the sessions of the Odd Fellows in San Francisco, 1904. It is the first time the decoration has been conferred outside the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

TRAIN CRUNCHES TROLLEY INTO KINDLING WOOD

Five Badly Injured in Horrible Crash on Erie—Car Struck Square in Center and Flung 150 Feet.

AKRON, Ohio, March 6.—A fast east-bound Erie train struck a street car at the East Exchange street crossing shortly before midnight. The car was demolished and five persons injured, one fatally.

The injured: W. H. Meeker, motorman, skull fractured and internally injured. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, injured about head and internally.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Breiner, of Marton, Ohio. The injured were removed to the city hospital. The heavy engine struck the trolley car squarely in the center, carrying it 150 feet and depositing it in a heap of kindling wood, half on one side of the track and half on the other.

The engineer denies that he was running at a high rate of speed trying to make up time as eye-witnesses allege.

MELBA'S MEMORY.

Mme. Melba possesses such a retentive memory that she can learn an entire opera within a week. She does much of her studying in bed, where she is far from noise, but the airs are chiefly mastered while she is walking or driving.



HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS TIRED.

Do you ever stop to think why you feel more tired in the morning than when you retire the night before? Did it ever occur to you after your Monday meal why you are unequal to further exertion for an hour or two? You are quite played out, feel almost unhappy, unfit for labor and for exertion of any kind. You have acquired the habit of overloading your stomach, your liver is congested and your bowels loaded with foul refuse. You have piled agony upon agony until your very vitals cry out for assistance. "What shall I do?" you say. Use

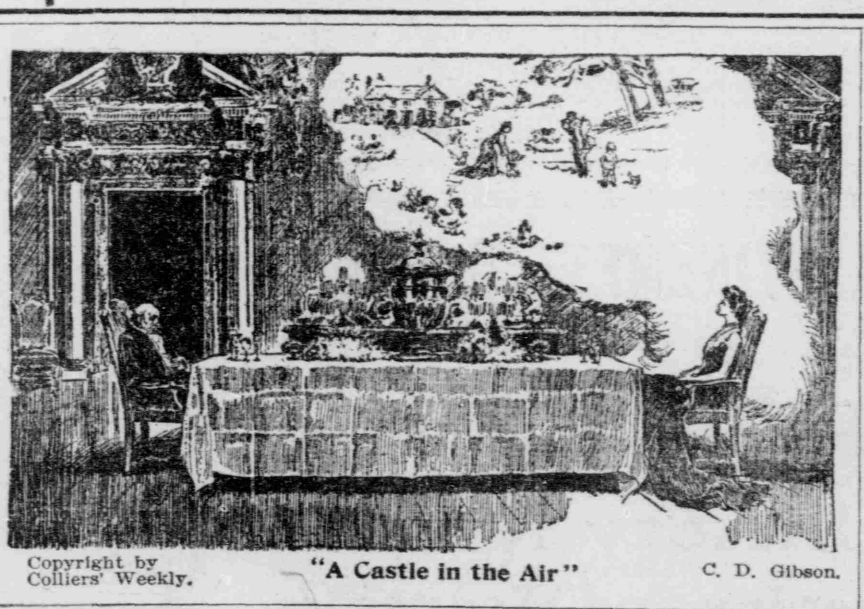
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